



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Office of Air and Marine

# FACT SHEET

The mission of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Air and Marine (OAM) is to serve and protect the American people. We apply advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities and employ our unique skill sets to preserve America's security interests.

OAM is the world's largest aviation and maritime law enforcement organization, and is a critical component of CBP's layered enforcement strategy for border security.

With 1,200 federal agents, 261 aircraft and 283 marine vessels operating from 91 locations throughout the United States, OAM uses its sophisticated fleets to detect, sort, intercept, track and apprehend criminals in diverse environments at and beyond U.S. borders.

This specialized law enforcement capability allows OAM to make significant contributions to Department of Homeland Security efforts, as well as to federal, state, local and tribal agencies. OAM conducts law enforcement operations between ports of entry, in the maritime environment and within the nation's interior.



### FY 2014 Apprehensions and Seizure Statistics

- OAM contributed to the apprehension and arrest of 84,397 suspects and the seizure of 997,440 pounds of marijuana (worth \$2.55 billion); 115,144 pounds of cocaine (worth \$11.6 billion); \$147.8 million and 763 weapons.
- Unmanned aircraft system missions contributed to 54 arrests and 1,834 apprehensions; and the seizure of more than 71,569 pounds of drugs and 149 weapons. OAM's UAS detected more than 18,200 persons crossing our border.
- OAM's P-3 aircraft flew 6,000 hours of counter-narcotics missions in the drug Transit Zone between South America and the U.S. As a result of these operations, OAM seized or disrupted 126,489 pounds of cocaine with a value of nearly \$9.4 billion.

### Office of Air and Marine Mission

- OAM's mission sets fall into four broad categories that reflect our core competencies: interdiction, investigation, domain awareness, and contingency operations.
- **Interdiction** encompasses our efforts to intercept, apprehend, or disrupt threats in the land, sea, and air domains as they move toward or across the United States borders.
- OAM leverages the expertise of our agents in the air and maritime domains to conduct **investigations** to defeat criminal networks.
- **Domain awareness** is the effective understanding of the environment and information associated with the various domains (air, land, and maritime) that could affect safety, security, the economy, or the environment. OAM employs advances systems to contribute to domain awareness.
- OAM performs a range of aviation and maritime **contingency and national tasking missions**, including Disaster Relief, Continuity of Operations, Humanitarian Operations, Enforcement Relocation, Search and Rescue, and National Special Security Events.